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FOR ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BANGLADESH

REF: STATE 98063

1. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO DACCA WILL BE

1) AIRPORT ARRIVAL, MET BY FONMIN, AND BRIEF COMMENTS TO PRESS;
2) CALL ON FONMIN; 3) CALL ON PRIMIN; 4) LUNCH OR DINNER HOSTED
BY FONMIN, WITH EXCHANGE OF TOASTS, AND PERHAPS FOLLOWED BY MUSIC
AND DANCE PROGRAM; AND 5) BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE AT AIRPORT ON
DEPARTURE. ALL THIS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN A FOUR TO SIX
HOUR VISIT.

2. BEYOND THIS, CALL ON PRESIDENT IS OFTEN MADE BY SENIOR VISITORS
(POLISH AND INDIAN FONMINS, FOR EXAMPLE AND BDG MAY INSIST ON IT.
AS IT WOULD BE PURELY PROTOCOLARY, WE COULD INSIST THAT IT BE
VERY BRIEF.

3. NATIONAL MONUMENT. IF SECRETARY HAS LONGER TIME IN DACCA, WE
WOULD RECOMMEND A WREATH-LAYING VISIT TO THE NATIONAL MONUMENT TO
THE MARTYRS OF THE WAR OF LIBERATION WHICH IS LOCATED 20 MILES
FROM CITY. ALTHOUGH IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT AN HOUR, THIS GESTURE BY
AN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELL
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RECEIVED IN BANGLADESH. IT WOULD ALSO GIVE SECRETARY SOME FEELING

OF TYPICAL BANGLADESH RURAL SCENE. BY ADDING ANOTHER 15 MINUTES, SECRETARY COULD VISIT SITE OF BANGSHI RIVER BRIDGE, A MILE FROM THE MONUMENT, WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY AMERICAN ENGINEERS UNDER USAID PROGRAM, EFFECTIVELY UNDERLINING SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN OUR PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH.

4. SIGHTSEEING. DACCA OFFERS LITTLE ATTRACTIVE SIGHTSEEING. OLD DACCA IS MODERATELY INTERESTING BUT WOULD BE SECURITY OFFICERS' NIGHTMARE. VISIT TO LALBAGH FORT, COLLECTION OF RUINS FROM 17TH CENTURY MOGHUL FORTRESS, ALSO REQUIRES TRAVERSING OLD CITY. SECRETARY COULD BE DRIVEN AROUND EXOTIC NEW CAPITOL SITE, DESIGNED BY LOUIS KAHN, BEFORE OR AFTER CALL ON PRIMIN WHOSE OFFICE IS THERE. IF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS WERE THOUGHT MANAGEABLE, BEST WAY TO SEE THE CITY, JUTE COMPLEXES IN THE NARAYANGANJ AREA, AND COLORFUL RIVERINE LIFE WOULD BE HELICOPTER FLIGHT OF 45 MINUTES OR SO AS WAS ARRANGED FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL SAXBE WHEN HE WAS HERE.

5. STATEMENTS. COMMUNIQUE ARE NORMALLY ISSUED AFTER SIGNIFICANT VISITS HERE. THERE IS NO OBVIOUS FORUM FOR DELIVERING MAJOR SPEECH, BUT EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT DINNER WILL GIVE SECRETARY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AS BRIEF OR EXTENSIVE REMARKS AS HE WISHES.

6. ACCOMMODATIONS. BDG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INVITE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER TO STAY AT STATE GUEST HOUSE.

7. MRS. KISSINGER. APART FROM THE SIGHTSEEING POSSIBILITIES MENTIONED ABOVE, OTHER SITES MOST OFTEN VISITED BY PROMINENT GUESTS ARE DACCA MUSEUM, THE ARTS COLLEGE, AND THE WOMEN'S REHABILITATION CENTER. FONMIN'S WIFE HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE EXPORT OF HANDICRAFTS; BDG IS ALSO PROUD OF ITS PROGRAM TO ASSIST "WAR-AFFECTED WOMEN" AND APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW ITS FACILITIES TO VISITORS. BDG WILL

DOUBTEDLY PROPOSE SCHEDULE FOR MRS. KISSINGER, PROBABLY DRAWING ON SOME OF THE POSSIBILITIES DISCUSSED ABOVE, BUT PLEASE ADVISE IF MRS. KISSINGER HAS SPECIAL INTERESTS. IF TIME PERMITS, THE LARGE AMERICAN WOMEN'S COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH MRS. KISSINGER AT TEA.

8. RETURN VISITS. WE RECALL THAT EARLIER NEA MEMORANDUM TO
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SECRETARY SUGGESTING VISIT TO DACCA RECOMMENDED THAT HE CONVEY INVITATION TO PRIMIN TO VISIT US, WHICH WE WOULD AGAIN ENDORSE, HAVING IN MIND THAT MUJIB WILL PROBABLY VISIT NEW YORK THIS FALL TO MARK BANGLADESH'S ADMISSION INTO UN. FONMIN KAMAL HOSSAIN WILL ALSO BE LOOKING FOR INVITATION.
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